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Dear Sirs!

I would simply like to point out that before just competition in the OS and browser market and developing field is ensured (even in the simplest possible manner), the consumers will be paying extra price, and software developers will have 3-4 times the workload per project.

- For years Microsofts unethical conduct (middleware bundling with OS, 'harassment' of other browser developers, ..) has been slowing down the developement of the web, made developers job next to impossible and has in my experience reduced the quality of services available to consumers on the internet.

- All of the above at the consumers expense: people have paid for the operating system, believing that Windows will increase their productivity and possibilities, when it, in fact, has brought limitations to the services available to them. This is an outrage!

- Web-service and software developers have been paying the dearest price: Microsofts business conduct has forced developers to invest at least 3-4 times more time and energy in bringing their products to markets - extra work is required because developers have to 'work their way around' the limitations and barriers set by microsoft (brought forward by the OS and the browser and programming language 'discrimination' practiced by Microsoft).

I hope you really consider this case as the case of the future of efficient internet and desktop computing - it is 'make it or break it' case. Outcome will be either outdated and limited OS/Service market, or contemporary and rich OS/Service market.

Best Regard,

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